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THREEPENCE

## TALK HAS FAILED: LET'S HAVE ACTION!

Growing concern at the atom bomb situation has raised demands from many quarters for renewed attempts at agreement between East and West. Forty MP's have tabled a motion requesting the Prime Minister to propose a conference with President Truman and Mr. Stalin to resolve the deadlock on the international control of atomic energy.

We believe that further talks between parties who are simul-

taneously threatening each other would prove as futile as their predecessors; that agreement for the limitation of one weapon alone would lead nowhere; and that the only way to break the deadlock is for one party to make the bold and unmistakable gesture of unilateral disarmament, as the only possible alternative to an arms race which threatens economic ruin if not a third world war.

### Not limitation, but abolition

The following letter has been sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the Soviet Ambassador and also the Press by a number of leading pacifists and others.

FOR a long time responsible Western statesmen have argued that the sole possession of the atom bomb by America has prevented the Red Army from sweeping across Europe. The announcement that Russia has been able to explode an atom bomb several months earlier than had been anticipated now renders utterly void this view (whatever validity it had), and in addition, entirely nullifies those features of the policies of Western governments which have presumably been largely determined by that conviction, as revealed in the Atlantic Treaty.

This knowledge does not, in our judgement, worsen the situation and is certainly no reason for panic. Indeed, this discovery may very well make an agreement between the three Powers less difficult as it makes it more essential.

Any attempt to use the knowledge to increase the fear and suspicion which unhappily already exists is to be most strongly deprecated. When either individuals or governments act from fear, they cannot act rationally or constructively. To put our faith in a race in atomic armaments (which can only end in war) or in defence measures (when scientists assure us that there is no defence against such weapons) is to court disaster.

We would, therefore, urge our Government to give a new lead by deciding neither to make nor to borrow atom

bombs, and to request the American Government to withdraw its atom bombers from bases in this country, while at the same time we open our own centres of atomic research to the inspection of the accredited representatives of any other country.

#### Not only atomic energy

But we would urge that agreement about atomic energy alone is not enough. The most recent disclosures about bacteriological and other horrors make it essential that war should be completely and effectively outlawed. This will be difficult, but it must be done.

Should we not take a lesson from the failure of the Disarmament Conference, when the concentration on a limitation of armaments with the insistence on the retention of those particular weapons which each government thought most useful for its own purposes, and the refusal to face the issue of real disarmament, led to a new race in armaments?

We cannot rest content until the method of war itself has been abandoned by the nations of the world once and for all.

We believe that to secure this, a change of heart as well as of mind is necessary. Only the changed policies which would have to follow can provide the permanent solution for our economic difficulties, make possible a reasonable order of society, and give to the world that peace and security which it desires—and would then deserve.

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### "No-war-work" scientists form group

A GROUP of scientists and engineers who propose "to foster throughout the world a tradition of personal moral responsibility for the consequence of humanity of professional activity," formed the Society for Social Responsibility at a meeting in Haverford, Pennsylvania, USA, recently.

The group said it would emphasise "constructive alternatives to militarism" by pledging its members to "abstain from destructive work" and by devoting themselves to constructive efforts.

One of the group's projects will be the operation of an employment service which will bring together scientists and employers who do not wish to engage in war work.

The president of the group, Victor Paschik of Neshanic Station, N.J., cited as a present day example of scientific "conscience," Norbert Weiner, founder of the new scientific field, cybernetics, "who recently refused to put his knowledge at the disposal of the armed forces of this country." — Religious News Service.

### COLONIAL PEOPLES CONFERENCE

#### We will not be dragged into another war

THE colonial people emphatically deny the right of European nations to determine the action of the peoples of other Continents in the event of war," says a declaration to be submitted to a conference of the Congress of Peoples against Imperialism which opens in London tomorrow (Saturday).

The Congress, now recognised as the most representative organ of the world-wide movement for national liberation and racial equality is based on two principles:

1. The unconditional right of the colonial peoples to independence.
2. Independence of the two Power Blocks, and the right of colonial peoples to decide their attitude to war preparations and war.

The first full meeting of the Conference, which will follow a number of preliminary meetings, is to be held in the Bromley Public Hall, Poplar, tomorrow, Saturday at 8 p.m.

The declaration, which has been prepared on behalf of socialist and democratic organisations in Asia, Africa and Europe, recalls the way in which the colonial peoples were dragged into the first and second world wars without any prior consultation.

A report on the conference, which is supported by a number of British and French MPs and Colonial leaders, will appear next week.

### U.S. EXPORTS ARMS NEGLECTS HER INDIANS

#### School for 1 in 3 only

THE USA has voted to spend £357,142,000 on arms for the Atlantic Pact nations.

At the same time, American Quakers are waging a desperate battle to ease the plight of American Indians who live in the direst poverty and with few social services.

The following facts were made public at the second annual Southwest Indian conference held in Arizona recently:

There is more typhoid among the 60,000 Indians on the Navaho reservations than exists among the 13,500,000 people in New York State.

One-fourth of all Papago Indian babies die during the first year of life, and 17 years is their life expectancy.

One Indian Service Doctor is available for each 7,000 to 8,000 Navahos.

School facilities are available to only one out of every three Navaho children of school age.

"The idea that the Navahos have come by their hard times recently is erroneous," reports the American Friends' Service Committee. "The matter of the death rate from TB is an example. Today the TB death rate of the Navahos is probably ten times the national average; 24 years ago, when the average death rate was much higher than it is now, the tuberculosis death rate for all Arizona Indians was 17 times the national average."

### Garry Davis and Pacifism

Next week Peace News will publish in the PN Pamphlet Series an impressive statement of his convictions by Garry Davis who has recently come to accept the full pacifist position.

Entitled "Over to Pacifism," it will be most valuable for propagating pacifism as the only possible means of achieving world peace and unity.

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One of the two PPU posters which were displayed in Central London during the week which followed the announcement that Russia had exploded an atom bomb. Permission to use the photograph was freely given by Michael Peto, the well-known photographer.

### GARRY DAVIS TRIAL

#### British & U.S. support for French COs

ON the eve of the Garry Davis trial, in Paris last Tuesday, on a charge of "vagrancy," the following telegrams were sent by Stuart Morris, General Secretary of the PPU.

To the French President:

Urge you accept Garry Davis' action as symbolic of widespread desire of all her friends that France recognise the full human rights of all COs.

To Garry Davis:

Assure you of full support of all members of PPU in your witness for conscientious objection. We await with admiration and hope the result of your action.

As reported last week, Garry Davis insisted on being imprisoned along with French conscientious objectors until the Government introduced a law recognising conscientious objection.

It is expected that L'Abbé Pierre will raise the matter shortly in the Chamber of Deputies. He is appealing to pacifists in all parts of the world to write letters supporting his demand for CO rights.

His address is:

Monsieur l'Abbé Pierre,  
Député,  
Assemblée Nationale,  
Palais-Bourbon, Paris.

In the USA

Immediately on receiving the news of Garry Davis' arrest, members of the New York War Resisters' League, Peacemakers, The Fellowship of Reconciliation and The Catholic Worker staged a poster walk to the French Embassy in New York.

Bayard Rustin and Roy Kepler of the FOR and WRL respectively, handed a letter to the French Consul General outlining the nature and cause of their protest and urging the French Government to recognise the rights of conscience by releasing the imprisoned French COs and Garry Davis.

Press photographers, who were present, took photos of the group.

A full report of Garry Davis' trial will appear next week.

### 40 MPs WANT CONFERENCE WITH STALIN

WITH the support of about 40 Labour MPs, Mr. Raymond Blackburn has tabled the following motion in the House of Commons:

"That this House, while appreciating the great contribution made by the Prime Minister and the Government to the cause of international control of atomic energy, affirms its belief that the Prime Minister should take the initiative in proposing a conference between the Heads of the States concerned, particularly the United States and the U.S.S.R., for resolving the existing deadlock and ending the race for the production of atomic and other weapons of mass destruction."

The signatories of the motion include Mr. Shackleton (Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministry of Supply); Mr. J. Reeves and Mr. T. Driberg, two members of the National Executive of the Labour Party; and Mr. T. O'Brien, a member of the General Council of the T.U.C.

### Italian CO re-arrested: EXPECTS HEAVY SENTENCE

PIETRO PINNA, the Italian CO whose recent trial aroused world-wide interest and who was sentenced to 10 months suspended imprisonment, has been called-up for military service once more and re-arrested on refusing to serve.

He was to be prosecuted on Wednesday Oct. 5 in Naples.

His health is being affected by this continuous imprisonment—he is at present in the Sant'Elmo military prison, Naples—but the military authorities refused to take this into consideration and grant a short respite before recalling him.

Our Turin correspondent writes:

"It is expected that the new sentence will be severe. The Italian authorities are not clement with COs."

"Pietro Pinna has written from Naples, 'I'm always serene,' and assured his family that he will persist in his refusal to undergo military training whatever the outcome of the trial."



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## Key to deadlock

FROM all sides the Government is being urged to renewed efforts at agreement on atomic control and arms limitation.

These are welcome in so far as they indicate a lingering belief that agreement is possible. Nevertheless, we believe the time for a renewal of such discussions is past, for their limit has been reached.

We pacifists have always believed that arms cannot be limited; they can only be abolished.

But disarmament conferences are now futile for a simpler and more obvious reason: each side is afraid of the other. Men who fear and distrust each other—and say so—cannot sit around a table and say, "Now let's agree." Such conferences can never get properly started.

UN conferences have given sufficient proof that governments which fear and denounce each other between meetings never get further than the exchange of incivilities when they do meet. And why they expect to get beyond that is a mystery.

In a leading article headed, "Keep on Trying," The Star condemns as "the depths of defeatism" the American statement that nothing can be achieved by secret talks among the Western leaders.

Yet The Star itself displays the very futility it condemns when it goes on to say: "If Russia could only translate her words into deeds and show real signs of goodwill, the gap might be bridged."

In that sentence The Star gives away the reason for the failure of all the attempts at disarmament in history.

For what kind of approach to peace is it, which waits for the other fellow to show goodwill first? What kind of effort is it, which waits for the deeds of another?

We cannot too often repeat this fundamental truth: that only undefended men can give convincing proof of peaceful intentions.

We believe these conferences have reached their logical end in stagnation. While the parties to them hold the diabolical belief that "weakness invites aggression," and that peace can only be maintained by threat of force, further talk is useless, for no one will listen.

"No one should praise poverty but he who is poor," said St. Bernard of Clairvaux. We may logically apply that principle in this case: No one should propose disarmament but he who has disarmed. For the truth is he will not be listened to seriously until he has.

The historical necessity of our time is a single act of faith: unilateral disarmament by a strong nation. Nothing now can end the rule of armed force but the force of that example.

British people are proud to repeat Mr. Churchill's praise of the days when "Britain stood alone" against the forces of evil. To stand alone in making the first real national gesture of peace would require even greater courage, but it would make an even greater mark on history. It would change the whole course of it.

### Preserving the illusion

A CRISIS is the result of laissez faire and lack of foresight, and no doubt the devaluation of the £ could have been avoided if anybody of influence had had any sound ideas on economics at the time of the industrial revolution.

But we need not bother about that at the moment. The question is—what are the chances of the British people learning economic sense now?

The chief lessons of the financial crisis are that the standard of living of this nation has been artificially maintained for generations past by a great illusion and at the expense of other nations; and that the economic stability of any country ultimately depends on the extent to which it can feed itself.

### The awkward truth

TODAY the majority of British people are being encouraged in the belief that they can get back to their former urban standards of living with the extra inducement that everybody will share them. For it is contrary to political Party interests on both sides for anyone to break the news to them that they never will.

Not that this need be very tragic. "Standard of living" is a very elastic phrase. A farmer can be living on the fat

of the land with the best food in the world ad lib, but because he has oil lamps and outside sanitation he will be pitted as an uncivilised aborigine by an ill-nourished townsman who lives on devitaminised messes in a house full of gadgets.

Last week's debate did little or nothing to enlighten anybody on the real economic situation of this country, and was not intended to. The devaluation of the £ is a purely temporary expedient for the purpose—it is hoped—of maintaining industrial employment as long as possible at all costs, and part of the cost will be the postponement of a balanced economy for this country. With few exceptions it was accepted by both sides, and the occasion was frankly used as an opportunity for election propaganda.

### Thanks for a taradiddle

THERE are, however, aspects of the affair which have created grave misgivings from the standpoint of democratic principles and political ethics.

Mr. Richard Crossman is one of the most able and sincere men in the present Parliament, yet such are our "democratic" standards that it was possible for him to write as follows in the Sunday Pictorial:

"So we were all fooled! . . . But don't be angry with Cripps. He had to deceive us right to the last moment because, if he had given a hint of his real intentions, the Pound would have crashed as every-

one rushed to sell Sterling. . . . We ought to be thankful for being fooled."

### Ethics v. Politics

BUT ought we?

How far is this principle to extend before we find ourselves admitting that a successful democratic statesman must be a clever liar?

The facts are disturbing, to put it mildly. And they involve an issue quite separate from the technical one of whether devaluation was advisable from a purely economic standpoint.

The pronouncement was made on Sept. 18. Two days before, the Daily Herald published some answers to questions put by its Political Correspondent to "a spokesman of the Treasury." Among them was: "Q.—Is it true that Sir Stafford has abandoned his attitude against the devaluation of the £? A.—No."

### Gentlemen prefer bonds

WHEN the news came the assumption was that Cripps had changed his mind at the last moment and had no time to stop the denials.

This, while casting doubts upon his economic judgement, would at least have left his reputation for honesty intact. Yet on August 21, nearly a month before, the City Editor of the Sunday Times, Mr. Norman Crump, was able to suggest that the £ might be devalued on Sept. 18.

How did he know? Had he got a good astrologer, or did he get it from the mouth of some important official horse? If the latter, then the decision was made at least a month before and the official denials were allowed to continue. Must we conclude that a gentleman's word is his bond only after working hours?

### Definition of a Chancellor?

WE are accustomed to the old definition of an ambassador as "as honest man sent to lie abroad for the sake of his country." It is a pity if we have to add to that definition—"and a Chancellor of the Exchequer is an honest man made to lie at home for the sake of the foreign exchanges."

Thirty years ago we pacifists were making our protests against secret diplomacy in international affairs through the well-known organisation, the Union of Democratic Control. Now it appears that the evil practice is as well established in the sphere of domestic economy, and there is no organised demand for the democratic control of the Treasury.

It is useless for the Government to continue its appeals for confidence and co-operation in the national effort while political democracy is all the time flouted by economic dictatorship.

## The other weapons, too!

By STUART MORRIS

General Secretary of the Peace Pledge Union

THERE is another factor to be considered in relation to the current demands for control of atomic energy.

The news of the Russian discovery may overshadow the news printed in Peace News and elsewhere of those other discoveries in the field of biology which make possible a bacteriological war, which would be even more devilish than an atomic war.

Truly we cannot be content to think in terms of the control or abolition of one weapon alone.

That will do little to solve the real problem, which must be seen not in terms of limiting war but of abolishing it altogether—not only in securing that atomic energy should only be used for constructive purposes, but in pursuing a definite policy of constructive peace making.

There, too, the pacifist message needs not changing but re-emphasising. The pledge

to renounce war has never been limited to the refusal to fight. It is but the first step as we turn from the discredited method of war to the task of positive peace making.

We can no more support today than we could previously a policy of appeasement or of buying time. We cannot acquiesce in a policy of a reduction of armaments or be content with a limitation of weapons. It is total disarmament which we demand and the readiness on the part of this country if necessary to give the lead by a process of unilateral disarmament.

Disarmament accepted not from fear or any question of expediency but as a moral principle which would also then be able to express itself in a completely new foreign policy and a changed relationship with all our neighbours in the world.

## THE WORLD PACIFIST CONFERENCE

AMONG those who have already accepted invitations are the well-known English authoress and Chairman of the Peace Pledge Union, Vera Brittain, two leading English Quakers, Mr and Mrs. Brayshaw, and Reginald Reynolds, who lived with Gandhi twenty years ago and is known as the author of "The White Sahibs in India."

From Norway, Mr. Diderich Lund, a business man who helped to organise non-violent resistance during the Nazi occupation of his country, and from Finland a young man, Erik Ewalds, who spent some years in a labour camp, suffering for his peace principles, have accepted invitations.

From South Africa, Manilal Gandhi hopes to come, also a Negro professor, D. D. T. Jabavu. Another African, Mr. David Acquah, is coming from the Gold Coast, and from the Seychelle Islands, Mr. Charles Collet, also of the Negro race, who was lately Attorney-General in the Islands.

A member of the House of Peers in Japan, Dr. Tomiko Korah, will come; and from China two educational leaders, Dr. Christopher Tang and Miss Pao Swen Tseng.

### From the USA

From the United States, Richard Gregg, author of "The Power of Non-Violence," and an old associate of Gandhi is coming; also representatives of the American Friends Service Committee, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Mennonite Service Committee. Another from the Western Hemisphere is Mr. Herbert Sein, from Mexico, who is one of the official translators in the International Labour Office. Mr. Antonio Loureiro will come from Uruguay.

Great efforts have been made to find some Tolstovans or others who might come from the USSR, but it seems unlikely that anyone can come from those countries. However, Dr. Karel Huijer, of Czechoslovakia, now living in America, a well-known physicist, who visited Santiniketan some years ago, is one of several leading scientists who are expected.

Invitations have also been accepted from workers for peace in Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Australia and New Zealand. Acceptances are anticipated

PLANS for the World Pacifist Meeting at Santiniketan, India, in the beginning of December are now well advanced.

The Meeting will provide an opportunity for those who have tried to practice Gandhi's principles in different parts of the world to meet and discuss how to make their non-violent witness more effective. It is expected that 50 pacifists from outside India will attend.

In Europe the Friends Peace Committee, Friends House, Euston Road, London (Secretary, Eric Tucker), and in America the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., USA (Peace Secretary, Ray Newton) will be glad to answer enquiries and will welcome correspondence. The Secretary in India is Hiralal Bose, 1 Upper Wood Street, Calcutta. He will welcome enquiries from any part of the world.

The following is an extract from a statement released by the Preparatory Committee in Calcutta.

from a number of other countries, including Italy, Egypt, Iran, Afghanistan, Ceylon, Burma, the Philippines. Five or six invitations are being sent to Pakistan.

The main meetings of the conference at Santiniketan will be private; but arrangements are being made for a public day on Dec 8, when all those who are interested, can go from Calcutta to Santiniketan for the day. The middle of December will be spent by the overseas visitors in touring India, from the Himalayas to Travancore, in small groups, when they hope to see centres of constructive work and to meet many of Gandhi's fellow-workers. They will then gather together again at Sevagram at the end of December for a further session before they return to their own lands.

We beg the lovers of peace in all parts of the world to bear the meeting on their hearts, to take an intelligent interest in its purpose, and to join in any practical outcome that may follow.

Possibly there will be no immediate outcome that can provide newspaper headlines. Gandhi himself advised us not to look for anything of that nature. What we believe he hoped for, and what we ourselves still hope for, is that those who gather may leave the Conference and return to their respective countries, with a knowledge of new power, and new insight, perhaps with the courage to commit themselves to reckless

adventure for the peace and well-being of mankind.

### When they return

Some may find themselves driven to go straight back to some area of strife, where they may try to quench the flames of war. Others may return to their work, in business or profession, resolved to put into practice methods more in consonance with the spirit of non-violence. All we hope, will take back to the societies and neighbourhoods where they live, some new quality of life that may invigorate and enhearten all who are struggling against the evils of domination and power politics and violence.

So we ask you to think of this meeting in India, even though you may be many thousands of miles away, as your meeting, as part of your effort for peace and goodwill. It is not the only effort. It is not the only conference of true workers for peace. But if it is preceded and accompanied by the intelligent support of many men in many lands, those who do meet together may become the instruments of incalculable good.

## GRAND NEWS

SINCE I last wrote in this column my optimism has been fully justified by the receipt of two cheques for £25 each from donors who wish to remain anonymous. So the £25 which our National Chairman gave have grown, as she hoped, to £100, and we are most grateful to our generous donors.

But our gratitude must not be expressed only in words, nor must their generosity be allowed to become a substitute for our own.

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## Britain atom-b

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## Britain must not be atom-bomb base

IN the June issue of the Atomic Scientists News, Dr. Kathleen Lonsdale, F.R.S., has an article with the title "Can the Use of Atomic Weapons ever be Justified?" She urges the importance of everyone examining his conscience and deciding now whether he is prepared to consent, under any circumstances, to atomic weapons being used again.

If one has anything to say on the matter, she argues, it must be said immediately. Once the possibility of their use is admitted, once the bases are established, and suitable aircraft are available, whether in Europe, Asia or elsewhere, then those who take part in war either as conscripts, as volunteers or as scientists, will have no choice whatever of controlling or of dictating the conditions under which the decision to use atomic bombs will be made.

**Will not know why bombs dropped**  
It is more than probable that the vast majority, both of soldiers and of citizens, will not know that the bombs are going to be used until they have actually been dropped, and will never know precisely why it was done.

If we object to the use of these devilish weapons, says Kathleen Lonsdale, we should, as democrats, resist with all our power any policy which would allow atom bombs to be made in this country, to be launched from this country, or to be stored in this country for use from bases elsewhere.

Dr. Lonsdale is not unconscious of the possible or probable results of such a course, or of the perplexities felt by so many, who (like the editor of the paper in which she writes) see but a choice between two evils—atomic war or submission to a tyranny which would enslave the bodies and minds of ourselves and those we love and perhaps strike a deadly blow at all our moral and spiritual standards.

For her, however, both atomic war and surrender to tyranny are equally unthinkable, and she seeks an alternative in something so developing our system of education that we produce men and women, who, although physically unarmed, would be morally unconquerable. This, she believes, the Christian faith can do.

The article, prefaced by an editorial comment, has been reprinted as a leaflet on behalf of the Friends Peace Committee, and is obtainable from Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1, single copies, one penny each, one hundred for seven shillings.

T.R.D.

## THE FRIEND WILL STILL HAVE CO EDITOR

A CO of World War II is to succeed a World War I CO as Editor of The Friend, one of the oldest religious periodicals.

Bernard Canter, BA, who is to succeed Herbert W. Peet is editor of the Norfolk Mercury series of weekly papers and was formerly chief sub-editor of the Eastern Daily Press, Norwich. He received unconditional exemption as a CO during the war, but volunteered for Friends Relief Service. He is 43 years of age.

## SECURITY CAN ONLY COME THROUGH FRIENDSHIP

The discovery and use of atomic energy has created new problems and intensified some old ones. Dr. Kathleen Lonsdale, F.R.S., told the Northern Friends Peace Board's Annual Conference which met in Leeds on Sept. 24 and 25.

The following statement was issued at the conclusion of the Conference, at which Mary F. Phillips also spoke:

**THE** rapid increase of knowledge and the speed at which a crisis may develop must be met by a change in old attitudes and an intensification of educational work for peace which must appeal not only to the intellect but also to the emotions.

It is unrealistic to qualify the support of war or to imagine that preparation for war can prevent war or achieve security.

Christ's revelation of the nature of God, exemplified in his teaching regarding the attitude towards enemies, was revolution-

ary in character and it challenges one faith by another. There is a clear choice between a faith in the effectiveness of threats, all of which arise from fear, and a faith in the effectiveness of the power of God.

### Get rid of suspicion

In an atmosphere of suspicion even an agreement on the international control of atomic power is unrealistic, for the products of the good use of atomic energy can quickly be diverted to making weapons.

The only solution is to get rid of war and to realise that security cannot be achieved except by friendship.

The vastness of the new field of knowledge and the high speed at which events move are associated with some psychological reactions. Disillusionment and a sense of impotence are widespread, and repressed fears are more intense. Thus there is a more ready acceptance of State ideology and a willingness to leave the making of decisions to the State.

It does not appear likely that the necessary readjustments to the atomic age will come from the will of majorities. Hence the role of minorities is of paramount importance and if their faith is rooted in the purposeful activity of religion, they can ensure that the atomic age will witness the final overthrow of war.

## World Govt. Atom Exhibition opened by Danish Premier

**THE** Danish Prime Minister, Mr. Hans Hedtoft, opened an Atomic exhibition that was held in Copenhagen from September 1 to 18. Two other members of the Government were also present at the ceremony. Ministerial interest is significant in view of the fact that the exhibition strongly emphasised the necessity of world government.

The exhibition was, in fact, organised by the Danish movement for world government, Foreningen Een Verden (One World Society), which now has over 8,000 members.

## Prey for the demagogue

**"ARE** you patriotic Ebenezer?"  
"I should 'ope so an' all!"  
"Explain why, my dear friend."  
"Well, I never did like the Frenchies, the Germans and the Rossians!"

"Yes?"  
"Nor the Belgians, nor the Poles!"  
"And the Chinese?"  
"Niver!"

"You have met many of these peoples, dear colleague?"  
"Oh no! Never been out of this County!"

"What a wonderful Minister for Foreign Affairs the country has lost! But let us not dwell upon regrets Ebenezer. Do you like pork?"  
"Oh! Lead me to it Master!"  
"And beer?"  
"Gosh!"

"And mushrooms?"  
"My mouth waters!"  
"And so we could continue! Now, Ebenezer, had you never tasted of these delights, you would have been ignorant of their appeal?"

"Course!"  
"And if another informed you he disliked them, though he had never tasted them, you would say?"  
"E was balmy!"

"Then is it possible, my dear friend, that at a not very great distance from this spot, there is one who stands self-convicted?"  
"Wot's 'e done?"

"Ebenezer, you are the backbone of Nationalism! Were it not for your like in every land, politicians would search in vain for bait!"  
"Do they fish Master?"

"In troubled waters Ebenezer! In troubled waters!"

### SOCRATES AND THE GARDENER

"An' wot do they catch?"  
"Generally, sufficient on which to nourish their vanity, demoralize youth, produce a breed of stalking game-cocks to parade at public expense, lauding blood-lust and the chivalry of bomb-dropping!"

"They sounds pretty awful to me!"  
"You are mistaken Ebenezer! These are noble men, ever ready that others may die, and that posterity may bear, branded on its brow the indelible mark of Cain!"

"Who's Cain?"  
"Cain slew his brother!"  
"Nice chap to meet in the dark!"

## PEACE AND EDUCATION

**THE** school child, being continually discouraged and scolded, ends by acquiring that mixture of distrust of his own powers and of fear which is called shyness, and which later in the the grown man takes the form of discouragement and submissiveness, of incapacity to put up the slightest moral resistance.

The obedience which is expected of the child both in the home and the school—an obedience admitting neither of reason nor of justice—prepares man to be docile to blind forces.

The punishment, so frequent in schools, which consists of subjecting the culprit to public reprimand and is almost tantamount to torture in the pillory, fills the soul with a crazy, unreasoning fear of public opinion, even of an opinion manifestly unjust and false. In the midst of these adaptations and many others which set up a permanent inferiority complex, is born the spirit of devotion—not to say of idolatry—to the condottieri, the leaders, which for this repressed personality, are the father and the teachers, that is to say the figures who imposed themselves on the child as perfect and infallible. Thus discipline becomes almost a synonym of slavery.

The virtue worthy above all others of reward and public encouragement has always been the triumphing over one's schoolfellows in competition and the gaining in examinations of the decisive victory... Men brought up this way have been prepared neither to fight and be victorious, nor to love others and possess it, nor to love others and join with them in striving for a better life.

—Maria Montessori in "Peace and Education,"

"Unfortunately it is not only in the dark one meets him, my friend!"  
"Where else, Master?"

"In palaces and councils! In children's text-books! In unbroken line his successes drape cathedral walls! Orphans are his knick-knacks; Widows his speciality; the blind and the lame his loose change! His deepest, secret hiding place, is in the hearts of simple men, Ebenezer. Those who toil to grow two blades of grass to replace one."

"Simple mugs like?"  
"The trustworthy and gullible, dear colleague. They are a continual prey to the ulterior motives of the demagogue!"

"They wants to open their eyes a bit if you asks me!"  
"Look beyond their county, perhaps Ebenezer?"

"Oof!"  
"Learn something of their brothers, the French, the Germans and the Russians?"

"Ugh!"  
"And the Belgians and the Poles?"  
"An' the —"

"Yes, the Chinese also Ebenezer!"

### A Country Quaker

## Notes for your Diary

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1. Send notices to arrive not later than Monday.

2. Include: Date, TOWN, Time, Place (hall, street); nature of event; speakers, organisers (and secretary's address)—preferably in that order and style.

### Today (Friday)

ST. ALBANS: 8 p.m. Friends Meeting Upper Lattimore Road; Members' Education Service; conductors: H. Carey Oakley, Mary Lee and Rev. W. Booth; address: Rev. W. Morion Barwell; PPU.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: 3 p.m. Area Conference; speaker: Rev. Percy Ineson; Chairman: The Ven Percy Hartill; Details: For. 38 Gordon Square, London, W.C.2.

LONDON, W.C.1: 7.30 p.m. 8 Endsleigh Gardens; "Authority and the Individual"; Patrick Figgis; Central London PPU.

PLYMOUTH: 7.30 p.m. Central Hall, Boscawen Street; Vera Brittain, Stuart Morris; Chair: Kate Spurrell; PPU.

LESTER: 7.30 p.m. Friends Meeting House; Dr. S. Jesudason of India; For. Swindon; Rev. Claud Colman; full details from Miss Beatrice Davey, 149 Marlborough Road, Swindon, Wilts; For. PPU.

LONG EATON: 7.15 p.m. 60 Curzon Street; Dr. S. Jesudason of India; For. Manchester: 3 and 6 p.m. Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St.; "The Outlook for Pacifism"; Bernard Boothroyd; Manchester Friends Peace Committee.

BOURNEMOUTH: 3.15 p.m. Friends Meeting House; Area Conference; Rev. Claud Colman; For. Bristol: 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. & 6.30 p.m. Afternoon sale, tea, evening meeting; Friends Meeting House, Broadweir; Vera Brittain and Sybil Morrison; Chairman: Herbert G. Tanner; Bristol PPU.

BURDHAM: 3.30 p.m. Open-air meeting; Sybil Morrison; PPU.

HYDE PARK: 7 p.m. Open-air meeting; PPU.

FINSBURY PARK: 11 a.m. Open-air meeting; Stoke Newington Peace Group.

HIGHBURY CORNER: 11 a.m. Open-air meeting; Islington PPU.

### Monday, October 10

LONDON, W.1: 7 p.m. Weigh House Church, Binney Street (Nr. Bond Street station); No Conscription Council; London Branch meeting; all welcome; NCC.

ISLINGTON: 8 p.m. 3 Blackstock Road, N.4; Hilda von Klenze; Islington PPU.

### Tuesday, October 11

SHEFFIELD: Nether Chapel, Norfolk Street; "The Place of the CO in Society"; Michael Tipple; PPU.

COLWYN BAY: 7.30 p.m. Welsh Salem Congregational Church, Abergele Road; Vera Brittain; Joint For and PPU.

### Thursday, October 13

LIVERPOOL: 7.30 p.m. New Friends Meeting House, Hunter St.; Vera Brittain, Rhys Davies, MP; Chair: Mrs. Grieve, JP; PPU.

LONDON, W.C.2: 1 p.m. Lincoln's Inn Fields; Open-air meeting; Sybil Morrison; PPU.

### Friday, October 14

LONDON, W.C.1: 7.30 p.m. 8 Endsleigh Gardens; "Authority and the Individual"; F. A. Ridley; Central London PPU.

KENDAL: 7.30 p.m. Friends Meeting House; Stramontgate; Vera Brittain; Stuart Morris; Chair: Rev. H. O. Evans; PPU.

### Saturday, October 15

CROYDON: 3.30-8 p.m. Adult School Hall, Park Lane; Stuart Morris, Bernard Boothroyd (Ed. Peace News); tea, music stalls, running buffet; PPU.

GLASGOW: 2.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Berkeley Hall; Peace Conference; Vera Brittain, Emrys Hughes, MP, Sybil Morrison; 7.30 p.m. Study Circle at Cranston's Restaurant, Renfield St.; PPU.

LEEDS: 2.30 p.m. Friends Meeting House, Carlton Hill, Woodhouse Lane (behind BBC); Yorkshire Area PPU Quarterly meeting; members invited to attend CO reunion tea in same building (1s. 6d.); Yorkshire PPU.

OLDBURY: 4.30 p.m. Warley Institutional Church, Pound Road; Reunion, tea and social evening; music, games, dancing; tickets 1s. 6d.; proceeds to HQ Fund; Notify Mrs. R. Starker, 40 Parsons Hill, Oldbury, by Oct. 12 if attending; Oldbury PPU.

BIRMINGHAM: Birmingham Peace Week; Poster Parade; Birmingham Peace Council.

SAFFRON WALDEN: 3.15 p.m. Friends Meeting House, High Street; Cambridge Area meeting; speaker: Percy Bartlett; For.

### Sunday, October 16

BIRMINGHAM: 12 a.m. Birmingham Peace Week; Bull Ring meeting; Secretary: Connie Jones, 35 Hampton Road, Birmingham 6. PPU.

HYDE PARK: 6 p.m. Open-air meeting; speaker: Stuart Morris; PPU.

FINSBURY PARK: 11 a.m. Open-air meeting; Stoke Newington Peace Group.

HIGHBURY CORNER: 11 a.m. Open-air meeting; Islington PPU.

EDINBURGH: 8 p.m. Oddfellows Hall, Forrest Road; Vera Brittain, Emrys Hughes, MP; "The Crisis—Peace or War?"; PPU.

### Monday, October 17

LEEDS: 7.30 p.m. Church Institute, Albion Place; John Rankin, MP, Vera Brittain, Sybil Morrison; PPU.

### Tuesday, October 18

BIRMINGHAM: 12.45 p.m. Birmingham Peace Week; Bull Ring meeting; Birmingham Peace Council.

### Wednesday, October 19

BIRMINGHAM: 12.45 p.m. Birmingham Peace Week; Bull Ring meeting; Birmingham Peace Council.

BIRMINGHAM: 7.30 p.m. Birmingham Peace Week; Friends Meeting House, Bull Street; "The World is Rich"; Paul Rotha; Documentary also "Hungry Minds" and "Children of the Ruins"; admission free; Organiser: Connie Jones, 35 Hampton Road, Birmingham 6; PPU.

### Thursday, October 20

BIRMINGHAM: 7.30 p.m. Birmingham Peace Week; Friends Meeting House, Bull Street; discussion between Dr. Alex Wood and Canon F. F. G. Warman on "The Churches and War"; For.

WELLINGBOROUGH: 7.30 p.m. Central Hall, Silver St.; Vera Brittain; PPU.

### Friday, October 21

PECKHAM: 7.45 p.m. Co-operative Hall, Ryde Lane; Vera Brittain, Stuart Morris; Chair: Phyllis Vallance; "War—We Saw No"; PPU.

BIRMINGHAM: 12.45 p.m. Birmingham Peace Week; Bull Ring meeting; John Hayland; For.

LONDON, W.C.1: 7.30 p.m. 8 Endsleigh Gardens; "Conflict of technique and human nature"; 3rd in series: "Authority and the Individual"; Central London PPU Group.

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### MEETINGS

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OBITUARY. Sept. 18, 1949. Holman, John Bertram, a sincere pacifist—father of Roger.

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## APF membership is up again

THE membership of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship shows a net increase of 104 for the year ended June 11, 1949, according to the Annual Report published last week.

The total membership is now 2,377, including 376 clergy and 9 deaconesses. Archdeacon Hartill, who brought the APF on to the front pages of the National Press when he refused to hold a Battle of Britain service in his church, says in a foreword to the report:

"As the war recedes further into the past and men see the kind of world it has left behind, an increasing number of people are questioning the ideas which they readily accepted during the war years.

"Few thinking people can now believe in such a thing as 'war to preserve Christian civilisation.' The question now is whether men are to sink into despair and watch the international situation with a kind of helpless fatalism, or whether they can be led to see that there is a higher and better way, because the Divine Love is not merely nobler but also mightier than force.

"To proclaim that in the Anglican Communion is the positive task of our Fellowship."

### To discuss Church and War

The APF are to hold a public meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 in the Tudor Room, Caxton Hall, Westminster. This will take the form of a public discussion between Anglican non-pacifists and pacifists on the following three broad positions maintained by the British Council of Churches at Amsterdam.

1. War may be a Christian's duty, but modern war can never be an act of justice;
2. Military action is the ultimate sanction of the rule of law and citizens must be taught it is their duty to defend the law if necessary;
3. Others refuse military service, convinced that absolute witness against war is for them the will of God.

It is proving difficult to find speakers for the first two points, reports the Secretary of the APF. Archdeacon Hartill is to speak on the third.

On the following day, Oct. 15, Archdeacon Hartill will be the celebrant at the Annual Communion Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields at 11 a.m., which precedes the APF's Annual General Meeting.

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## IN THE PARKS

### 1. Clapham Common

WHILE peace-with-Russia supporters were marching to the Cenotaph and gathering in Hyde Park to hear Zilliacus, Pritt and others, Sybil Morrison was addressing a crowd of many hundreds of people who gathered on Clapham Common to hear her forthright denunciation of war with any country, anywhere at any time.

There was very little heckling in the ordinary sense of the word, but there were many earnest questions which continued for nearly two hours, and at the end, the speaker was surrounded and inundated with requests for maintaining a PPU meeting there every Sunday. Speakers! What offers?

### 2. Hyde Park

Stuart Morris, on the PPU stand last Sunday evening, caught the overflow from the British Peace Committee meeting and argued the difference between the Communist approach to peace and the pacifist approach with a number of Communists, to the intense interest of a large crowd.

Earlier in the afternoon, over 1,000 leaflets were given away and copies of Peace News sold as the International Peace Day procession moved off. One seller disposing of 40 copies.

The meetings in Hyde Park are now commencing at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

## Birmingham Peace Week

October 15-22

A FILM show, poster parade and window display of peace propaganda will be features of Birmingham's Peace Week which opens on October 15.

Details of some of the meetings will be found in the Diary on page five, the full programme will appear in next week's issue.

The week is sponsored by the Birmingham Peace Council which unites the peace activities of the following nine organisations: Peace Pledge Union; Fellowship of Reconciliation; Crusade for World Government; Friends Peace Committee; British-Soviet Society; International Voluntary Service for Peace; International Friendship League; Christian Action Committee; Women's International League.

The Week will be supported by special features in next week's Peace News. Volunteers who will undertake street selling at the meetings are wanted, offers of help should be sent to The Secretary, Birmingham PPU, Dick Sheppard House, 36 Holloway Head, Birmingham, 1.

The window display will be at the County Cycle and Motor Co., 266 Broad St. (Corner Gas St.).

### Peace Association of Christian Scientists

SIXTEEN members were present at the Fourth AGM of the Peace Association of Christians Scientists, which met in Friends' House, London on Sept. 24. The secretary's report gave the encouraging news that seven new members had been secured through advertising.

The meeting was marked by a quiet determination to carry on spreading the gospel of peace in this vital section of the Protestant Church, with or without the blessing of the Board of Directors.

### South Bucks Area PPU

STUART MORRIS, General Secretary of the PPU spoke on "Bridging the gulf between East and West" at a very successful area meeting held by South Bucks Area of PPU at Friends' Meeting House, Amersham on Sept. 24. Questions followed the address. The chair was taken by Ethel Lewis.

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## OBITUARY

### Oswald Garrison Villard

By HUBERT W. PEET  
Editor of The Friend

ALTHOUGH actually we only met a few times in London and in New York I feel that by the death of Oswald Garrison Villard who for so long "was" The Nation, the American progressive weekly review, I have lost a friend of over thirty years standing.

Our first actual encounter was in Pentonville Prison. On one occasion I was surprised to see my wife come into the visiting room accompanied by a middle aged gentleman whom I did not know. Rules and the presence of the warden did not allow us to shake hands but across the wide table my wife introduced her companion as "Mr. Villard from New York." It was rather overwhelming under such circumstances to realise that here was one of the leading journalists of America, long admired at a distance, for CO's unshaven and ill-clothed as they were in prison, hardly felt dressed for the reception of notable visitors.

However, O. G. Villard at once put us both at our ease, as he explained that he had asked to accompany my wife because he wanted to see firsthand how British abolitionists and other COs were getting on.

Villard never accepted the full pacifist position but, inheriting to the full the crusading spirit and understanding of his grandfather, William Lloyd Garrison, the American champion of the abolition of slavery, he admired it and sympathised with it. Even if he had not I have no doubts that he would have supported it as a misunderstood minority needing help in Britain and USA.

The last time we met was just after the outbreak of the last war when he was passing through London on his visit to Germany as a neutral. He did some good work in countering war hysteria by his series of articles "Inside Germany" in the Daily Telegraph which were reprinted and widely circulated.

He was apprehensive then that the war might end in another "Versailles," and he urged that men of goodwill should exert all their influence against such an outcome. I fear that his closing years, during which he contributed a number of articles to Peace News, have been overshadowed by the feeling that once more a great chance had been missed.

While Villard had neither quite the poise or the scholarship of our own H. W. Nevins, he was of the select company of journalist-crusaders. He was a brave man who did and said what he thought right. He did this as owner and president of the New York Evening Post, a similar journal to the "seagreen incorruptible" Westminster Gazette, and he continued it from the great forum for minority and unpopular causes which he created in the New York Nation.

On the occasion of his 70th birthday celebrations, some colleagues described him as "a humanitarian leader who loved the smoke of battle." Yes, but it was not the battle of blood and steel but battle of ignorance and interest against idealism and progress.

### NO CONSCRIPTION COUNCIL

## London Branch formed

THE No Conscription Council now has a London branch, which has been fortunate to secure the services of Eden Peacock as Honorary Secretary. Several useful and interesting activities are being planned, including a conference of pacifist societies and a more general conference.

These and other matters will be discussed at the next Branch meeting, under the chairmanship of Rev. Claud Colman, on Monday, Oct. 10, at 7 o'clock, at the Weigh House Church, Binney Street (near Bond Street Station). The meeting is open to all anti-conscriptionists, whether or not members of the Council.

The NCC has its headquarters at Kings Cross Mission Buildings, Crestfield Street, London, W.C.1. The National Secretary (Roger Page) will be glad to answer enquiries, supply speakers or free literature.

## Young Federalists meet

OVER 200 Students from 30 different countries met in Amsterdam for the Third Annual Congress of the World Student Federalists. They worked together on problems such as Food and Population, Human Rights and the shaping of WSF policy for the coming year.

Federalists believe that the only overall solution of the world food problem lies in the creation of a World Federal Government under which economic barriers would be broken down, food be produced where this could most economically be done and distributed in accordance to need rather than to profit.

Every human being has a basic right to receive enough food for efficient mental and physical work yet two-thirds of the world suffer from malnutrition. The current political organisation of the world permits one nation to destroy food and curtail production, whilst peoples of other lands are starving.

Federalists have decided to bring their movement into direct relationship with the problems and needs of men everywhere. They are concerned not merely with saving their own skins but with helping the peoples of the world to obtain a higher standard of living and to rise from the miserable conditions which now envelop them.

DAVID J. WEBSTER

## Sybil Morrison's CAMPAIGN COLUMN

"In the Japanese war each of the only two atom bombs which America then possessed found a suitable and rewarding target."

"While war continues possible, it is useless to fancy that any paying form of it can be picked out and made impossible."

"The practical goal then is the ending of war."

"It can be ended—and only can be ended—when at the head of international affairs is a concert of contented Great Powers, contented enough to desire no war themselves, and powerful enough to forbid war to others."

—Scrutator, The Sunday Times, Oct. 2, 1949.

THE first excitement about Russia's discovery of the atom bomb has died down slightly, but last Sunday's newspapers still found it worth discussing. I wish I had space to quote the whole of Scrutator's article entitled "Russia and the Atom Bomb," for a more muddled piece of thinking can hardly ever have found its way into the columns of a reputable national newspaper.

It is "rewarding" to kill and wound a quarter of a million ordinary human beings; it is "suitable" to pick two thickly populated cities to experiment with the most deadly weapon ever invented. Proceeding from that starkly truthful description of war's abomination, Scrutator then rightly claims that while war itself remains a possibility, atom bombs must also remain a possibility; in fact, he seems to see, dimly, that what he thinks "rewarding" and "suitable" may also seem so to a potential enemy.

### Lip service to pacifism

Therefore he asserts that the only way to abolish the atom bomb is to abolish war. Pacifists have been saying this about modern war weapons, which, because they are so frightening, statesmen have attempted to control by legislation, for a very long time. And now the Sunday Times gives lip service to the same idea—but...

It is a really wonderful piece of puerility this "but" of Scrutator's. For it appears that war can be ended if those who are contented without wars are also powerful enough to forbid war to others.

Stalin could scarcely say less!

It is, in fact, the reason he probably gives for acquiring a stockpile of atom bombs for his country. His people are perfectly contented, he would doubtless declare (a veritable Utopia, if we are to believe the tales of Russia's admirers in this country!) and they certainly don't want war, but they must be strong in order to save Russia from the aggressive intention of those "discontented" Powers who have signed the Atlantic Pact.

### Revolutionary way to peace

I believe that many people are beginning to see through the blinkered futility of these intolerable "buts," yet they are still afraid of the revolutionary way of total disarmament.

They prefer to support organisations which call for peace with Russia but not for the abandonment of the war method, which is the only basis on which a peace with Russia, or any other country, could be secure and certain.

Thousands will march, as they did last Sunday, to lay a floral dove of peace on an empty tomb in Whitehall, to hear Zilliacus thundering against the Government's foreign policy in Hyde Park, but how many will refuse to make the weapons of war—how many will even advocate the total abolition of war weapons and the method of war?

Whether pacifists, who are dubbed impractical idealists, or leader writers in national newspapers say it, it is an irrefutable truth that the only hope for peace is the abolition of war. Our unending task is to publicly refute by every means at our disposal—leaflets, arguments, public meetings, Peace News—the "buts" with which our statesmen are paving the way for World War III.

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